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INSTRUCTIONS TO RBD MAGDEBURG, SCHWERIN, BERLIN LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS
(43 pp; German; [REDACTED])

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This document is a photostat copy of several route-instruction book-lets published biweekly by the Reichsbahn Directorates (RBD) in the German Democratic Republic for the use of their locomotive engineers. These particular items cover the period from 25 Feb to 10 Mar 1951 and are issued by RBD's Magdeburg, Schwerin, and Berlin. There are also two photostat copies of schematic sketches of the Berlin urban and suburban railroad for the same period, one for passenger trains, the other for freight trains.

The route instructions list all locations along the right of way under the jurisdiction of the respective RBD's which during the period covered required special attention of the locomotive engineer. The information is broken down by lines (in numerical but necessarily incomplete order) and within those lines again by sectors (numbered consecutively regardless of lines) or by kilometer points within sectors.

The 9 columns under each item are headed as follows: 1. Consecutive number; 2. Sector (at operational office or between operational offices); 3. Location; 4. Irregularities and speed limit; 5. Time of day or type of trains concerned; 6. Valid from ... (date); 7. until ... (date); 8. Loss of time to be expected; 9 Reason and miscellaneous remarks.

The information covers such items as stops for train control; reduced speed at temporary bridges, at curves, or at track sections under repair; poor track condition; danger of fire through sparks from the locomotive. For many bridges instructions are given to close the ashpan and not to fire the locomotive.

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